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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: DoD Policy and Procedures for Reimbursement for Privately-Purchased
Protective, Safety, or Health Equipment

This directive-type memorandum provides DoD policy and procedures for reimbursing members of the Armed Forces for privately-purchased protective, safety, or health equipment for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, or Iraqi Freedom, as required by Public Law 108-375 § 351. It is issued pursuant to a delegation of authority from the Deputy Secretary of Defense to me.

The Military Services shall reimburse members of the Armed Forces for the cost (including any shipping cost) of any protective, safety, or health equipment that was purchased by either the member or by another person on behalf of the member for the member's personal use in anticipation of, or during, the member's deployment for Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, or Iraqi Freedom, if all five of the following requirements are met:

- The equipment is on the attached list of shortage equipment. I certify the items on the attached list were critical to the protection, safety, or health of Service members.
- The member was not issued equivalent government-provided protective, safety, or health equipment before the member became engaged in imminent danger or hostile fire operations.
- The protective, safety, or health equipment was purchased after September 10, 2001 and before August 1, 2004.



- The member completes a claim form (to be published) "Claim for Reimbursement and Payment Voucher for Privately Purchased Protective, Safety, or Health Equipment Used in Combat," and submits the form to a field-grade commander in the member's chain of command or, for members who have separated from the Service, an authorizing official designated by the former member's Service, within one year of the date of this memorandum.
- The member's commander or Service authorizing official approves the claim, the Service authorizing official certifies the claim for payment, and provides the claim to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for payment.

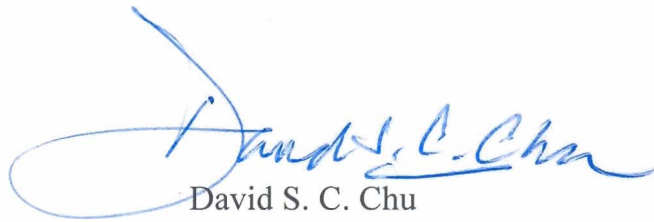
Reimbursement is limited to the actual purchase price and shipping cost (supported by receipts) or the cost on the attached list. Reimbursement for any one item shall not exceed \$1100. Services should charge the cost of reimbursement to the appropriate Operation and Maintenance account.

The Secretaries of the Military Departments may request that I certify additional items as critical to the protection, safety, or health of Service members, for addition to the attached list of shortage equipment.

All items for which the U.S. Government pays reimbursement become U.S. Government property and must be turned in to the unit logistics officer or as directed by Service instruction, unless they were destroyed in combat or are otherwise no longer available for good reason.

- Unit commanders and Service acceptance points should consolidate, when feasible, property for turn-in to Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) to reduce handling and processing costs.
- Disposal Turn-In Documents (DTIDs) for property turned in to DRMO under this program must be marked with: *"This property is being turned in subject to PL 108-375 § 351. As it may be substandard it shall be destroyed to prevent misuse or sale."*
- DTIDs must bear the Federal Supply Class (FSC) (shown on the enclosed lists) for all property being turned in.
- DTIDs must bear the reimbursement voucher number(s) for the property being turned in or a copy of the voucher itself with the authorized signature from the military activity that accepted the property for reimbursement. This will allow an audit trail from property being disposed of to the actual reimbursement document.

This memorandum is effective immediately. The Services shall give this program widest dissemination.



David S. C. Chu

Attachment:
List of shortage items

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List of shortage items

Description	Est. Cost	FSC
Complete "Vest, Outer Tactical" ("OTV") <i>or an equivalent commercial complete ballistic vest</i>	\$551.60	8470
Components of Vest, Outer Tactical (OTV), if purchased separately:		
Basic Vest, Outer Tactical (OTV)	\$500.00	8470
Groin Protector (Interceptor)	\$57.05	8470
Throat Protector	\$13.65	8470
Yoke and Collar Assembly	\$62.75	8470
Collar Protector (Interceptor)	\$25.00	8470
Ballistic Inserts	\$140.00	8470
Small Arms Protective Insert (SAPI)	\$499.60	8470
Helmet, Combat	\$342.35	8470
Ballistic Eye Protection	\$63.78	4240
Hydration System	\$24.00	8465